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OCTOBER 28.

Mr. ARTHUR ERWIN BROWN, Vice-President, in the Chair.

Twenty-three persons present.

Papers under the following titles were presented for publication :

“ A List of the Reptiles and Batrachians in the Harrison-Hiller Collection from Sumatra,” by Arthur Erwin Brown.

“ Studies on the Habits of Spiders, particularly those of the Mating Period,” by Thomas H. Montgomery, Ph. D.

“ Birds of the Seskiyou Mountains, California: A Problem in Distribution,” by Malcolm P. Anderson and Joseph Grinnell.

In compliance with the recommendation of the Committee on the Hayden Memorial Geological Award, the medal was conferred on SIR ARCHIBALD GEIKIE, D.Sc., LL.D., late Director-General of the Geological Survey of Great Britain and Ireland.

ARCHIBALD GEIKIE was born in Edinburgh, the 28th of December, 1835, the youngest son of James Stuart Geikie. He was educated in the schools of his native city and, after graduation from the University of Edinburgh, he entered the Geological Survey of Scotland at the age of twenty years. Three years later, in 1858, he published his first book, entitled *The Story of a Boulder ; or Gleanings from the Note-Book of a Field Geologist*. The work of the Geological Survey was largely confined to mapping, the first general geological map of Scotland being published in 1862.

While this map was issued under the direction of Sir Roderick I. Murchison, a large part of the work was contributed by Geikie. In 1867, at the age of thirty-two, Geikie was appointed Director of the Geological Survey of Scotland. All succeeding maps of the survey of Scotland were issued under his supervision, many of them being prepared by himself. Somewhat before this period he had begun to publish papers on physiographic geology, his work on *The Scenery of Scotland, Viewed in Connection with Its Physical Geology*, appearing in 1865. Subsequent papers deal with the effects of glaciation, modern denudation and other physiographic processes. In 1871 he was elected Murchison Professor of Geology and Mineralogy in the University of Edinburgh. The methods of geological surveying were carefully cultivated by Geikie, the results of his experience being given to the world in his *Outlines of Field Geology* (1876), which has gone through five editions, the last appearing in 1900.

In the year 1882, after serving on the Geological Survey of

Scotland for twenty-seven years, during fifteen of which he was Director, he was appointed Director-General of the Geological Survey of Great Britain and Ireland and Director of the Museum of Practical Geology, Jermyn street, London, which positions he held until his resignation from the Survey in 1901. He was knighted in 1891.

In 1879 he was selected to write the article on Geology for the *Encyclopædia Britannica*, 9th ed. His *Text-Book of Geology*, generally recognized to be the best presentation of the subject in any language, was issued in 1882, the second edition in 1885 and a third edition in 1893. His most important piece of research work, *The Ancient Volcanoes of Great Britain*, was published in 1897.

The following were ordered to be printed :